



Town of Groveland

PINES BOAT LAUNCH

REGULATIONS



MOORINGS

1. Moorings are assigned a number and location and cannot be moved without permission of the Harbormaster Authorities
2. Annual mooring permits will be given only after the applicant signs for a copy of the Launch Ramp Regulations and a mooring specification list.
3. All mooring and ground tackle must be inspected by the Harbormaster before the initial placement. Moorings and ground tackle will be inspected on an as needed basis after placement. Inspections will be conducted by or coordinated through the Harbormaster.
4. Vessels at moorings shall have two-thirds their length in clearance between other vessels at mooring. All vessels must maintain a minimum distance of twenty feet from other vessels at mooring.
5. It is the responsibility of the mooring owner to maintain their chains, lines, shackles, and buoys.
6. Mooring permits are issued annually and must be reapplied for and paid for annually.
7. Permitted vessels **MUST** be moored for a minimum of thirty days during the boating season or the mooring permit may not be renewed. It is the mooring owner's responsibility to inform the Town in writing as to why the mooring was not being used. It will be the Town's discretion whether or not to re-permit.

DOCKS

1. The purpose of the docks is for loading and unloading vessels. No vessel shall tie to town docks except for an emergency. In case of an emergency or mechanical breakdown, the owner of the vessel shall contact a marine towing service to remove the vessel. No vessel shall tie to the Town Docks overnight.
2. Tenders, skiffs, or other small crafts used in transport to a vessel at mooring shall not be left tied to the Town Docks. All tenders, skiffs, inflatable, etc. must be removed from ramp area after their use. There are three skiffs at the ramp for mooring transport. PFD's must be worn when using a transport skiff.
3. Boat owners and their guests shall observe all Local, State, and Federal laws and regulations governing vessel/boat safety and operation.
4. Guests are the responsibility of the boat owner.
5. Children must wear a Personal Floatation Device while on the Town Docks.
6. No unsupervised children allowed on the Town Docks.
7. Running on the Town Docks is prohibited.

GATE ACCESS/KEY CARDS

1. Groveland Boat Launch is secured by a sliding gate with key card access. All applicants are required to pay a one-time \$20 fee to purchase a key card.
2. The card is yours to keep and is the responsibility of the permit holder. Additional cards may be purchased in the case of a lost or stolen card. Please report lost or stolen cards immediately for deactivation.
3. Key cards are non-transferrable and gate access is for permit holders only.
4. Cards will be activated at the beginning of each season upon receipt of permit renewal applications and once all applicable fees have been paid.
5. Cards will be deactivated at the end of each season. Special permission for re-activation during the off season may be granted on a case by case basis.
6. After swiping your key card, the gate will open and then close automatically after your vehicle has entered.
7. To exit, drive slowly up to the gate then wait for the sensor to trigger the gate to open and safely proceed through.
8. Anyone thought to be sharing key cards or allowing non-permitted vehicles through the gate will be deactivated and will forfeit their ramp permit at the discretion of the Town, Harbormaster, Dock Master or police.

VEHICLES AND TRAILERS

1. Vehicles and/or boat trailers shall not be left parked on the launch ramp.
2. Parking at the ramp is by sticker only. Stickers are available at Town Hall. The fee for the annual Launch Ramp Sticker and accompanying key shall be seventy-five dollars (\$75) for Groveland residents per year and one-hundred fifty dollars (\$150) for non-residents per year. Stickers and keys are good for one year only. Each year boaters must reapply for the new year.
3. Stickers must be visible from the exterior of the vehicle.
4. Guest parking shall be above the ramp gates. All vehicles shall angle park along the fences.
5. Powering boats on or off trailers is strictly prohibited. This is a soft bottom ramp and cannot tolerate the abuse of prop-wash. At the Harbormaster or Dock Master's discretion repeat offenders will forfeit their launching ramp permit.
6. Only one vehicle and one boat per application. If you have more than one vehicle towing the registered boat another application fee will need to be submitted.

SAFETY, CONDUCT, AND BOATER INFORMATION

1. Boat speeds to be zoned at the Town Docks, Pines Launching Ramp, and Pines Mooring Area to a five-mile an hour speed zone. Jet skis, jet bikes, and personal craft shall maintain headway speed only.
2. No alcoholic beverages allowed on the Town Docks.
3. No fishing from the Town Docks.
4. No swimming or diving from the Town Docks.
5. Always check kiosk for important boater information.